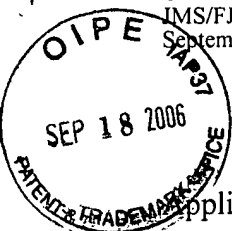


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PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney's Docket No.: 1159.1004-005



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Applicants: Steven A. Bogen and Herbert H. Loeffler  
Application No.: 09/702,298 Group: 1743  
Filed: October 31, 2000 Examiner: Lyle Alexander  
Confirmation No.: 3668  
For: AUTOMATED SLIDE STAINER WITH SLIDE HOUSING

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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\* not fewer than 20

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## SMALL ENTITY

	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 25	\$
X	\$100	\$
+	\$180	\$

TOTAL= \$ 0

OTHER THAN  
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	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$50	\$ 0
X	\$200	\$ 0
+	\$360	\$

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[ ] Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the [ ] dated [ ] for [ ] month(s) from [ ] to [ ]. The appropriate fee is set forth below.

[X] The undersigned attorney petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Notice of Appeal in reply to the Office Action made Final dated April 28, 2006 for two months, from July 28, 2006 to September 28, 2006, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). In lieu of filing a Notice of Appeal, Applicants' Attorney is filing a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith.

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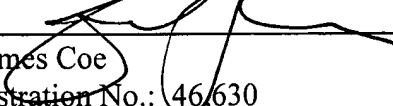
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